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RE EMBTEL 1261.

FONOFF (MULLER-ROSCHACH, DIRECTOR, WESTERN DEPT) HAS INFORMED US OF FOLLOWING ANSWER FROM GERMAN AMBASSADOR HAVANA TO THEIR INSTRUCTION COORDINATE WITH ALLIED MISSIONS AND MAKE DEMARCHE REQUESTED BY US (DEPCIRTEL 807):

SO FAR AS GERMAN MISSION ABLE ASCERTAIN, ONLY ITALIAN AMB HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR INSTRUCTION. ITALIAN AMB SPOKE WITH CUBAN FONMIN NOV 2 AND WAS TREATED TO THREE-QUARTER HOUR MONOLOGUE ON CUBAN CONCEPTION OF SITUATION AND CASTRO'S 5 POINT DEMANDS. GENERAL IMPRESSION ITALIAN AMB RECEIVED WAS HOW DEEPLY INJURED CUBA FELT ITSELF TO BE, RE ITS DIGNITY AND SOVEREIGNTY, BY BOTH USA AND USSR. CUBAN FONOFF CONSIDERED IT CLEAR THAT DIFFERENCES WOULD NEED TO BE IRONED OUT BY NEGOTIATION, AND EXPECTED CUBA TO BE COMPENSATED IN SUCH NEGOTIATIONS FOR ITS INJURED FEELINGS.

GERMAN AMB FOLLOWED UP WITH CALL NOV 3 ON VICE MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHO IN CONTRAST WITH HIS CHIEF THANKED FEDREP FOR ITS COMMUNICATION, ADDED THAT DISMANTLING ALREADY IN PROCESS AND "ACCORDING TO AMERICAN RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT WAS ALMOST FINISHED." VICE FONMIN THEREFORE THOUGHT PROBLEM OF INSPECTION AND REMOVAL OF MISSILES "HAD SOLVED ITSELF." RE POSSIBILITY INSPECTION BY RED CROSS, REFERRED TO EXPLANATION OF CASTRO, AND ADDED THAT FOCUS OF ATTENTION IN IMMEDIATE PERIOD WOULD BE DISCUSSION OF CUBAN QUESTION IN NEXT SESSION OF SECURITY COUNCIL. DECLINED TO VOLUNTEER ANYTHING ON MIKOYAN VISIT ON GROUNDS THAT IT HAD JUST BEGUN.

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